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The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following U.S. Patents:

<u>Pat. No.</u>	<u>Pat. Title</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>
6,363,434	METHOD OF MANAGING RESOURCES WITHIN A NETWORK OF CONSUMER ELECTRONIC DEVICES	03/26/02
6,199,136	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A LOW DATA-RATE NETWORK TO BE REPRESENTED ON AND CONTROLLABLE BY HIGH DATA-RATE HOME AUDIO/VIDEO INTEROPERABILITY (HAVI) NETWORK	03/06/01
6,233,611	MEDIA MANAGER FOR CONTROLLING AUTONOMOUS MEDIA DEVICES WITHIN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGING THE FLOW AND FORMAT OF DATA BETWEEN THE DEVICES	05/15/01
6,434,447	CONTROL PROPERTY IS MAPPED MODALLY COMPATIBLE GUI ELEMENT	08/13/02
5,956,487	EMBEDDING WEB ACCESS MECHANISM IN AN APPLIANCE FOR USER INTERFACE FUNCTIONS INCLUDING A WEB SERVER AND WEB BROWSER	09/21/99
6,286,003	REMOTE CONTROLLING METHOD A NETWORK SERVER REMOTE CONTROLLED BY A TERMINAL AND A MEMORY STORAGE MEDIUM FOR HTML FILES	09/04/01
6,195,680	CLIENT-BASED DYNAMIC SWITCHING OF STREAMING SERVERS FOR FAULT TOLERANCE AND LOAD BALANCING	02/27/01
5,671,225	DISTRIBUTED INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA SERVICE SYSTEM	09/23/97
6,005,861	HOME MULTIMEDIA NETWORK ARCHITECTURE	12/21/99
6,405,244	COMMUNICATION APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING DOWNLOADED PROGRAM DATA AND DATA DOWNLOAD METHOD	06/11/02
6,523,696	COMMUNICATION CONTROL DEVICE FOR REALIZING UNIFORM SERVICE PROVIDING ENVIRONMENT	02/25/03
5,838,921	DISTRIBUTED CONNECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH REPLICATION	11/17/98
6,493,317	TRAFFIC ENGINEERING TECHNIQUE FOR ROUTING INTER-CLASS TRAFFIC IN A COMPUTER NETWORK	12/10/02
6,480,889	SCHEME FOR MANAGING NODES CONNECTED TO A HOME NETWORK ACCORDING TO THEIR PHYSICAL LOCATIONS	11/12/02
5,675,390	HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM COMBINING COMPLEX PROCESSOR CAPABILITY WITH A HIGH QUALITY DISPLAY	10/07/97
5,822,530	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR VIDEO ON	10/13/98



6,421,714	DEMAND VERSIONS OF INTERACTIVE APPLICATIONS	
6,385,434	EFFICIENT MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR A WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS SYSTEM	07/16/02
6,414,952	WIRELESS ACCESS UNIT UTILIZING ADAPTIVE SPECTRUM EXPLOITATION	05/07/02
6,208,637	VIRTUAL GATEWAY SYSTEM AND METHOD	07/02/02
6,496,479	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE GENERATION OF ANALOG TELEPHONE SIGNALS IN DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE ACCESS SYSTEMS	03/27/01
6,185,601	NETWORK RESOURCE RESERVATION CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS, RECEIVING TERMINAL, SENDING TERMINAL, AND RELAY APPARATUS	12/17/02
6,205,152	DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING OF A NETWORK OF CLIENT AND SERVER COMPUTERS	02/06/01
	FRAME RELAY-TO-ATM INTERFACE CIRCUIT AND METHOD OF OPERATION	03/20/01

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following Foreign Patents:

<u>Pat. No.</u>	<u>Pat. Title</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>
EP0837579A2	DATA TRANSFER CONTROL DEVICE, RELAY DEVICE AND CONTROL DEVICE SUITABLE FOR HOME NETWORK ENVIRONMENT	04/22/98
WO97/09800	MODULAR COMMUNICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS CONTROL SYSTEM	03/13/97
EP0940959A1	ESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN REMOTE DEVICES WITH A HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL	09/08/99
2 779 595	PROCEDE DE GESTION DE PRIORITES D'ACCES A DES RESSOURCES DANS UN RESEAU DOMESTIQUE ET APPAREIL DE MISE EN OEUVRE	12/10/99

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Severance, LINKING COMPUTERS AND CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, February 1997

Severance, FIREWIRE FINALLY COMES HOME, November 1998

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